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It would require several issues of COINS AND CHATTER to list all we need. We would like to buy several collections of United States coins from Half Cents to Dollars in choice condition. We are interested in all numismatic gold, particularly early United States in choice condition, as well as all Proofs. To make a long story short, we can use any worth-while material, single choice or rare items as well as complete collections.

It would seem ridiculous to claim that we could pay more than anyone else. In the first place we don't know what some one else might pay; secondly, you read about ten such claims every month. Surely they all can't be paying the highest price and selling the cheapest.

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However, talk is cheap! If you have a collection or choice duplicates that you wish to sell, let me know. All I want is a chance to figure with you. If collection warrants, will gladly call on you.

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1802	1/3 Guinea of George III. Very Fine.....	7.50
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1543	Ecu a la Croisette of Francois I. Very Fine.....	20.00
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1635	Ecu d'or au soleil of Louis XIII. Very Fine plus....	15.00
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1643	Louis d'or of Louis XIII, gem Uncirculated.....	35.00
1653	Louis d'or of Louis XIV, Very Fine plus	25.00
1728	Louis d'or aux Lunettes of Louis XV. Very Fine.....	25.00
1749	Louis d'or au Bandeau of Louis XV. Very Fine.....	22.50

COINS WITH BIBLE NARRATIVE

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THE FIRST GREEK COINS
WITH A REGAL PORTRAIT

The "he goat" Alexander was in height of his conquests when he died in Babylon in 323 B.C. His several chief officers began battling for important places. Conquest and confusion continued for about a quarter of a century -- fierce juggleries for kingships over the dominions of Alexander!

Antigonos, one of the chief aspirants, was slain at the famous battle of Ipsus in Phrygia; then there followed a period in which four were somewhat settled down in their coveted places--the "four notable ones." (Dan. 8:8) They were

Lysimachus, Thrace
Seleucus I, Syria and east of it.
Ptolemy I, Egypt
Cassander, Macedonia and west of it.

Even while Alexander was living, Egypt had begun calling him Zeus Ammon, which meant the Egyptian Zeus. This, no doubt, had considerable effect in emboldening Lysimachus to risk the displeasure of the gods and usurp their places on Greek gold staters and silver tetradrachms, with a portrait of his illustrious predecessor Alexander.

Those coins of Lysimachus are handsome pieces. Alexander is on the obverse, wearing his ram's horn--symbol of strength, power and authority. The reverse has Athena seated; she is wearing here crested helmet; in her right hand is the winged Nike, goddess of Victory, bearing a wreath for some victor. Leaning against Atnen's chair is a large shield. On some of the outputs that shield is ornamented with a lion's head.

These Lysimachus pieces are outstanding in the history of coinage, because they are known to have been the first Greek coins to bear a regal image. (See ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, 11th Ed., Vol. XIX, p. 872, last paragraph)

After these coins of Lysimachus appeared, the placing of portraits of sovereigns on the obverse of coins became a common practice.

This king of Thrace, Lysimachus, one of the "four notable ones," was killed in battle in 281 B.C.

- Florence A. Banks

UNITED STATES HALF DOLLARS
COINS WITH A FUTURE

1929 S, Brilliant Unc.....10.00
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1797 Plain edge, Very Good.....6.00
1800 Choice, extremely Fine.....10.00
1800 Good.....1.25
1802 Fine to V. Fine, rare.....50.00
1803 Very Good 1.25; Fine.....2.50
1803 Struck far off center, Fine 4.00
1804 Spiked chin, Unc, choice...10.00
1804 Crosslet 4, Uncirculated...7.50
1804 Spiked chin, About Unc.....5.00
1804 Fine to Very Fine.....1.25
1804 Good 60¢; Very Good......85
1805 Sm. 5, Unc, light brown...12.50
1805 Fine 2.00; Very Fine.....3.00
1805 Very Good to About Fine...1.25
1806 Sm. 6, Very Fine.....2.50
1806 Very Good to About Fine...1.25
1807 Unc, part red.....12.50
1807 Fine 2.00; Very Fine.....2.50
1807 Very Good to About Fine...1.25
1808 over 7, Choice Ex.Fine...35.00
1808 Strictly Fine.....3.75
1808 Very Good to About Fine...1.50
1809 over 6, Fine plus.....3.50
1809 Fine 1.25; Very Fine.....2.00
1809 Very Good......75
1810 Very Good 2.50; Fine.....4.00
1811 G1, Fine, scarce.....15.00
1811 Freak design on both sides incused. About Good.....5.00
1825 Unc, light brown.....7.50
1826 Choice Uncirculated.....5.00
1826 Very Fine.....2.00
1828 Unc, part red.....4.00
1828 Fine 1.00; Very Fine.....1.25
1828 12 Stars, V. Gd 1.50; V.F..3.00
1829 Practically Uncirculated...2.50
1829 Fine 1.00, Very Fine.....1.50
1832 Uncirculated.....4.00
1832 Fine 1.00; Very Fine.....1.50
1833 Practically Uncirculated...2.00
1833 Fine 1.00; Very Fine.....1.25
1834 Uncirculated.....3.50
1834 Very Fine 1.25; Abt.Unc...2.00
1835 Uncirculated.....3.50
1835 Very Fine 1.25; Ext.Fine...1.75
1849 Very Fine.....2.50
1850 Fine 2.00; Very Fine.....2.50
1851 Very Fine.....1.25
1853 Choice Uncirculated.....4.00
1853 Very Fine.....1.25
1854 Uncirculated.....4.00
1854 V. Fine 1.50; Ext.Fine...2.00
1855 Uncirculated.....3.50
1855 Very Fine.....1.50
1856 Unc, proof surface.....6.00
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1856 Very Fine.....1.50
1857 Unc, part red.....6.50
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ARGOS 350 B. C. Corinthian type Stater, choice Ext. Fine.....12.50
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ASPENDUS Same as above, V.Fine12.50
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EGYPT 305-246 B.C. Tetradrachm of Ptolemy I or II, Very Fine....6.00
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THRACE 323-281 B.C. Tetradrachm of Lysimachus. Fine plus.....12.50
THURIUM 400-350 B.C. Stater. Rev: Pallas. Rev: Bull. V.F...10.00
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1908 Jubilee 5 Corona, Unc....	3.00
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BADEN 1894 5 Marks Fred. X.F...	3.00
BARCELONA 1810 5 Pesetas, Fine.	7.50
BASEL 1879 5 Francs Swiss Shooting Festival, About Unc.....	3.00
BAVARIA 1774 Madonna Crown of Maximilian III, Very Fine.....	3.00
1803 Broad Taler Max Joseph, Very Fine.....	3.50
<u>THE LEXINGTON-CONCORD HALF DOLLAR</u>	

"The shot that was heard around the world" on April 19, 1775, has its Sesqui-Centennial commemorative in the "Patriot Half Dollar" dated 1925, in memory of the Lexington-Concord battle.

Obverse: It shows a Minute Man standing, gun in right hand, leaving his plow at left. To left, "Concord Minute Man"; to right, "In God We Trust." Inscription above, "United States of America"; below, "Patriot Half Dollar."

Reverse: The old belfry at Lexington; below, "Old Belfry, Lexington." Inscription surrounding, "Lexington-Concord Sesqui-centennial, 1775-1925." Designed by Chester Beach and coined at Philadelphia.

The Lexington-Concord half-dollar is officially known as the Patriot half-dollar. It is doubtful if a better selection could have been made for a coin than these two designs of a Concord Minute Man and the old belfry at Lexington, but made from a sculptor's model, it lacks the sharp, clear-cut lines and lettering of the earlier coins.

162,099 were coined, 86 reported as returned and melted, leaving 162,013 outstanding, which sold at one dollar each.

1854 2 1/2 Gulden Maximilian II, Very Fine	4.00
1914 5 Marks Ludwig III, Inc..	3.00
BELGIUM 1870 5 Francs Leopold I Extremely Fine.....	3.00
1880 5 Francs, 50 year commemora- tion. Heads of Leopold I and II. Proof.....	7.50
1935 Comm. 50 Francs, Unc....	4.00
1948 Comm. 100 Francs, Heads of 4 rulers. Uncirculated.....	4.00
BELGIUM CONGO 1944 50 Francs, Obv: Elephant. Brill. Unc....	4.00
BERNE 1885 5 Francs Swiss Shooting Festival. Proof.....	5.00
BOHEMIA 1704 Taler Leopold I, rare. Very Fine.....	12.50
BOLIVIA (1621-65) Cob 8 Reals of Philip IV, Potosi. Scarce, Very Good.....	10.00
(1700-46) 8 Reales, cob type, Very Good.....	5.00
1813 8 Reales Ferdinand VII. Fine.....	2.50
1836 8 Sueldos, choice Unc....	5.00
1851 8 Reales, Very Fine.....	3.00
BRABANT 1562 Ducaton Philip II, Very Fine.....	6.00
1621 Ducaton, conjugated busts of Albert and Elizabeth, Fine....	7.50
1665 Ducaton, Philip III, V.G.	4.00
1785 Thaler Joseph II, V.F....	4.00
1793 Thaler Francis II, V.F...	3.75
BRANDENBURG 1693 Gulden Fred. III, Extremely Fine.....	2.00
1784 Broad Taler of Alexander. Margravaviate, "G" under bust. Rare, choice Ext. Fine.....	10.00
BRUNSWICK-LUNEBURG 1621 Wildman Taler Frederick Ulrich. V.F...	6.00
1643 Bell Taler August Jr. VF.	7.50
1649 Wildman Taler Geo. Wilhelm, Extremely Fine.....	7.50
1659 Wildman Taler Geo. Wilhelm, Very Fine.....	6.00
1695 2/3 Taler, Wildman. Ex.F.	3.00
1761 St. Andrews Taler, Saint and Cross. About Uncirculated....	6.00
1915 5 Marks, wedding of Ernst and Victoria. "Luneb" variety. Brill. Proof.....	15.00
BULGARIA 1937 100 Levas Boris III, rare. Very Fine.....	5.00
BURGUNDY AND STYRIA 1648 Very broad Taler of Ferd. III Emperor Holy Roman Empire, Rare, V. Fine....	7.50
CHILE 1805 8 Reals of Chas IV, Santiago Mint, V. Fine.....	6.00
1822 1 Peso, Very Fine.....	4.00
1859 Capiapo Siege Peso, V.F...	5.00
CHINA 1903 Dollar of Pie Yang, year 2. Fine.....	3.00
1904 Dollar Kian Nan, V. Fine...	5.00
1912 Dollar of Li Yuan Hung without cap, scarce. Uncirculated....	7.50
(1912) Dollar Szechman Province, Very Fine.....	3.50
(1912) Dollar of Sun Yat Sen, Uncirculated.....	2.50
1921 Dollar Yuan Shi Kai, Unc...	3.00
1923 Dollar, bust of Tsao Quan, Rev: Crossed flags, Unc.....	10.00

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1924 Dollar, bust Than Chi-Lui, rare. Proof.....	12.50
CUBA 1915 1 peso, Unc.....	2.50
EAST ASIA 1902 British Dollar, Uncirculated.....	3.50
ECUADOR 1858 5 Francs of Republic. Rare, About Uncirculated.....	20.00
1897 1 Sucre, Very Fine.....	2.50
EGYPT 1917 20 Piastres, V.F....	3.50
ETHIOPIA (1899) Talari Menelik II, laGrang type, Fine.....	3.50
FRANCE 1679 Ecu with bust Louis XIV Middle aged bust, choice. X.F.	15.00
1713 Ecu Louis XIV, variety with 3 crowns, Very Fine.....	6.00
1730 Ecu Louis XV, Fine.....	3.50
1774 Ecu Louis XV, older head. Scarce, Very Fine.....	9.00
1793 Ecu 6 Livres Louis XVI, Constitutional type, X. Fine...	6.00
1793 6 Livres, Republic type, Fine plus.....	4.00
Year 12, 5 Francs of Republic, Napoleon Consul, Fine.....	2.50

(Continued in December issue)

THE FIRST COIN WITH A PORTRAIT OF A LIVING RULER

Ptolemy, who was a general in Alexander the Great's army, took over the regency of Egypt in 323 B.C. He served in that capacity for Alexander IV, a son born to Roxana, wife of Alexander the Great, after that sovereign's death. But when Alexander IV and his mother were killed in 305 B.C., Ptolemy became Ptolemy I (Soter), king of Egypt, and his reign extended to 285 when he abdicated to his son, Philadelphus. Ptolemy Soter lived only two years after his abdication. The name Soter means preserver.

When Egypt fell to the lot of this general in Alexander's army, he did not begin reaching out for territory with anything like the avidity of the grasping Seleucus of Syria. Indeed, after a few military defeats, he seemed to realize something of the futility of war, for he turned his attention to reaching out for learning, not territory. Egypt benefitted by it for many generations. He founded the library at Alexandria, a city that had been founded by Alexander the Great, and he entertained at his court the greatest scientists, writers and artists of the then known world.

On becoming king of Egypt, Ptolemy I placed his own portrait on his silver stater, and this coin has the remarkable fame in coinage of being the first coin to bear the head of a living ruler. On its reverse is an eagle, standing on a thunderbolt. The eagle on any coin is a symbol of strength, power and far-seeing.

- Florence A. Banks

FOREIGN GOLD COINS

ALBANIA 1926 100 Franka. Head of Zog, 1 star. Unc.....	\$90.00
1927 same, 2 stars, Unc.....	90.00
AUSTRIA 1698 1/6 Ducat, Unc..	3.50
BELGIUM 1875 20 Francs. Ab.Unc	15.00
BENGAL A.H. 1188, Mohur with native inscriptions. Very Fine.....	22.50
A.H. 1202 1/4 Mohur, trial issue. About Uncirculated.....	12.50
BRABANT (1555-98) Demi Real d'Or Head of Philip II, V. Fine....	20.00
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1712 Double Ducat, laureated head of Frederick as King of Prussia. Extremely Fine	35.00
1740 Frederick d'Or, large bust. Very Fine	22.50
BRUNSWICK-LUNEBURG 1762 5 Thalers bust of Charles. Unc.....	22.50
BULGARIA 1908 20 Levas, head of Ferdinand. Very Fine, rare....	22.50
COLUMBIA 1768 2 Escudos, bust of Charles III. V. Fine plus.....	17.50
1814 Escudo, bust of Ferd. VII. Very Fine	7.50
1830 Escudo, Popayan Mint, Very Fine.....	7.50
1860 10 Pesos, Bogota Mint. Extremely Fine	45.00
1919 10 Pesos, Very Fine.....	27.50
1919 5 Pesos, Very Fine.....	15.00
1923 5 Pesos, late type. V.F..	15.00
CUBA 1916 4 Pesos, Abt. Unc...	15.00
DENMARK 1908 10 Kroner, Unc...	9.00
ENGLAND 1806 1/3 Guinea of George III, Very Fine.....	7.50
FRANCE 1815 20 Francs of Louis XVIII. Abt. Unc.....	17.50
1854 5 Francs, Very Fine.....	3.50
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GREECE 1833 20 Drachmas, head of Prince Otto. Ext. Fin.....	22.50
1876 20 Drachmas, Abt.Unc.....	17.50
GUATEMALA 1860 4 Reales, V.F..	3.50
1869 10 Pesos, head of Carrera. Very Fine.....	35.00
1874 5 Pesos, (Cat. 60.00) Uncirculated, SPECIAL.....	35.00
HAMBURG 1869 Ducat, Dutch type. Uncirculated.....	12.50
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HUNGARY 1342-82 Ducat Louis I. Very Fine	12.50
1452-57 Ducat Ladislaus, V.F..	12.50
1457-90 Ducat Matthias Corvinus Very Fine.....	12.50
1696 Ducat Leopold I, Ex.Fine.	17.50
1793 Ducat, head Francis II. Uncirculated	15.00

FOREIGN GOLD COINS

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MADRAS 19th Century Pagoda.Unc	12.50
MEXICO 1800 Doubloon, bust of Charles IIII. Brill. Unc.....	90.00
1825 1/2 Escudo, Very Fine.....	4.25
1840 Peso, Uncirculated.....	5.00
1888 Peso, semi-Proof.....	5.00
1903 Peso, Ext. Fine.....	3.50
1915 Oaxaca 10 Pesos, Unc.....	22.50
1918 2 1/2 Pesos, Unc.....	3.50
1920 2 Pesos, Unc.....	3.00
1943 50 Pesos, Uncirculated...	57.50
1945 2 Pesos, Uncirculated....	3.00
1945 50 Pesos, Uncirculated...	57.50
MONACO 1895 100 Francs, V.F...	75.00
NETHERLANDS 1694 Double Ducat, gem Uncirculated.....	32.50
NEWFOUNDLAND 1882 \$2.00, About Uncirculated	12.50
PAPAL STATES (1716) 1/2 Ducat with bust of Clement XI. V. Fine...	9.00
1936 100 Lire of Pius XI, Unc.	17.50
PHILIPPINES 1868 4 Pesos, head of Isabelle II. Uncirculated....	17.50
POLAND 1754 5 Thalers, crowned bust of August III, V.Fine....	20.00
1757 Ducat, draped bust of August as King of Poland. Rare, Very Fine plus	27.50
PRUSSIA 1888 20 Marks, head of Frederick who reined only a short time during this year. Very Fine plus	12.50
1888 10 Marks, same, Very Fine plus	7.50
ROUMANIA 1883 20 Lei head of Carol I. Very Fine	17.50
1888 20 Lei, same as above, About Uncirculated	20.00
1890 same, Uncirculated.....	20.00
1890 same, Very Fine	16.00
1906 Commemorative 25 Lei, Ext. Fine	22.50
1914 Medallion 100 Lei, Unc....	17.50
RUSSIA 1779 Rouble, head of Catherine the Great, Abt.Unc..	10.00
1890 5 Roubles, Very Fine.....	17.50
1900 10 Roubles, Very Fine....	12.50
SARDINIA 1825 80 Lire, head of Carl Felix. Ext.Fine.....	75.00
SAXONY-ALBERTINE LINE 1630 Double Ducat on Augsburg Confession. Very Fine plus	35.00
SAXONY-WEIMAR 1623 Ducat of the eight Brothers without portraits. Very rare, About Uncirculated.	30.00
SERBIA 1882 10 Dinars, head of Milan I. Extremely Fine.....	12.50
SICILY 1733 Oncia, head of Chas III of Hapsburg, Uncirculated....	17.50
SPAIN 1759 1/2 Scudo, head of Ferdinand VI. Ext. Fine.....	6.00
SWEDEN 1869 Carolin, head of Carl XV. Uncirculated.....	12.50
1881 5 Kroner, Uncirculated...	7.50
SWITZERLAND 1886 20 Francs, Uncirculated	15.00
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WHEN SOLAR WORSHIP WENT NUMISMATIC

It seemed that the only permanent way for some ancient rulers of putting themselves into the sun and keeping there lay in the issuance of large amounts of specie, and prominent women of those times also were not backward in basking in the sunlight of immortality on the faces of good, hard cash.

The coins of Antiochus IV, sovereign of Syria, 176 years before Christ, have a radiated crown instead of the usual fillet or bandellet. The crown of rays was assumed by kings who took the title of epiphanes or gods, who manifested themselves to mortals. The radiated crown originated in the solar worship of the East, and was borrowed by the rulers of the West.

The influences tending to the increase of the solar worship became still stronger after the reign of Hadrian. The original emblem of the Roman emperors was the laurel or bay leaf of victory, and it was the policy of Augustus and his first successors to avoid all titles and symbols which savored of royalty. If a radiated crown was allotted them, it was after their death as gods, not sovereigns. Nero is said to have been the first to assume it in his lifetime.

The coins of Caligula bore it, but only by those struck in Greek cities. On some coins of Salonina, the wife of Gallienus, her bust is represented on a figure of the crescent moon, a real indication of the Oriental worship of the sun and moon. The first head of an empress placed in this way is that of Julia Domna, the second wife of Septimius Severus, and granddaughter of Heliogabalus, the high priest of the sun. Valeria the daughter of Diocletian and wife of Maximianus, is the last empress on whose coins this peculiarity appears.

It was due mainly to flattery that the radiated crown extended into Italy to living emperors. Gallienus wore it in public. Through research we discover that after the time of Constantine we do not find the figure of the sun on coins, and that the radiated crown was replaced by a diadem of gems. - Clarence Fink

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